

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5001
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EXPLOITATION OF MINERAL WEALTH
UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) the areas of Maharashtra surveyed to explore mineral wealth during the year 2000-2001; and
- (b) the steps taken to proper exploitation of the minerals in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) Geological Survey of India (GSI), a subordinate organisation under Ministry of Mines, has been carrying out survey for exploration of mineral wealth in Maharashtra. During the year 2000-2001, it undertook investigations for Manganese ore in Nagpur and Bhandara districts, for Gold and Copper in Nagpur, Bhandara and Gondia districts, for Bauxite in Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg districts, for Diamond in Bhandara, Chandrapur and Gadchiroli districts, for Chromite in Nagpur, Bhandara districts and for Dimension stones in Dhule, Thane, Bhandara and Gadchiroli districts.

Regional exploration for Coal by GSI and Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) is continuing in Wardha, Chandrapur and Nagpur districts.

(b) The National Mineral Policy, 1993 and its subsequent amendments by the Government are aimed at speedy and systematic exploitation of the mineral resources by the State.